Claims

1.   A device comprising a user interface and a processor configured to:

receive a request for access to a menu from a user;

compile a list of menu options;

determine whether an application associated with a menu option is active or inactive and associate a corresponding status indicator with the menu option; and

display the list of menu options, where the presentation of a particular menu option is dependent on its associated status indicator.

2.   A device according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of menu options are presented according to their corresponding status indicators simultaneously.

3.   A device according to claim 1, wherein the display further comprises a focus window and the menu option corresponding to the position of the focus window is presented according to its associated status indicator.

4.   A device according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the status indicator is an icon and is displayed in the list of menu options.

5.   A device according to claim 4, wherein the application status is indicated by the animation of the icon.

6.   A device according to claim 4, wherein the application status is indicated by the colour properties of the icon.

7.   A device according to claim 3, configured to produce an alert where a menu option corresponding to the position of the focus window is associated with an active status indicator.

8.   A device according to claim 7, wherein an alert is produced using one or more of the following: animation of an icon, colour, sound or vibration.

9.   A device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the user interface comprises a display and a keypad.

10.   A device according to any one of the preceding claims, further configured to allow multitasking of applications.

11.   A handheld telecommunications device according to any one of the preceding claims.

12.   A personal-digital assistant device according to any one of claims 1 to 10.

13.   A personal computer device according to any one of claims 1 to 10.

14.   A method of operating a device according to any one of the preceding claims.

15.   A computer program comprising program instructions for causing a device to perform the method of claim 14.

16.   A computer program according to claim 15, embodied on a carrier medium.